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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant hereby makes the following documents of record in the above-identified application:

U.S. Patents

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 3,890,960, issued 06/24/1975 to Wunsch, nee Kuhn et al.
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 5,888,195, issued 03/30/1999 to Schneider
- (3) U.S. Patent No. 5,993,383, issued 11/30/1999 to Haase
- (4) U.S. Patent No. 5,590,643, issued 01/07/1997 to Flam
- (5) U.S. Patent No. 6,003,510, issued 1/2/21/1999 to Anunta

Copies of these documents, which are listed on the accompanying Form

<u>PTO-1449</u> (one page), are enclosed herewith. Applicant respectfully requests that these documents be fully considered by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application and printed on any patent which may issue on this application. Applicant also respectfully requests that a copy of Form PTO-1449 (one page), as considered and initialed by the Examiner, be returned to the undersigned with the next communication.

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It is believed that this disclosure complies with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. If for any reason the Examiner considers otherwise, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned be contacted by the Examiner by telephone in order that any deficiencies may be expeditiously remedied.

A check in the amount of One Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$180.00) payable to the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks also is enclosed herewith to cover the fee due in connection with this submission.

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